

POETRY CLUB NOTES.

As the ex-students' Conference took place at the beginning of the term the Poetry Club did not meet until the 20th of April. On this evening we enjoyed Longfellow. After hearing a little about his life and reading some of his shorter poems, we read a great part of "Hiawatha," which we found delightful.

It is interesting to note that this poem has its origin in certain Indian Legends.

May 4th.—Tennyson was the author chosen for this evening. He seems to be an universal favourite with the present students, for there was a most enthusiastic assemblage. We read and contrasted "The Lotus Eaters" and "Ulysses." We also read parts of the "Princess," and a short poem, "Isabel," which is said to depict the poet's Mother.

BIRD NOTES.

One half-holiday this term we had a most delightful bird walk on to Barngates Moors. Swifts, swallows, and house-martins were only just back, but there were numbers of them flying about. The swallows were twisting and turning as if the males wanted to show their orange throat and the females that they had none of the bright colour. On the moors, first we heard the curlews' beautiful whistle, and then we saw them. They seemed very light-coloured against the dark-green of the moor. We could see their curved beaks very well as they flew over us, the wing span struck us as very large. It was on this day (May 8th), that we saw tree-pipits for the first time, parachuting down from some trees

A NORTH KENT BIRD LIST.

33

at a certain corner of the Hawkeshead Road, where they have been seen first for several years.

The migratory birds, generally speaking, are later in returning this year. Swifts, swallows, and martins were a whole month later, but the fly-catchers were only a few days later than last year. The pied fly-catcher was seen on the 3rd of May for the first time, and the spotted fly-catcher on the 8th.

Great excitement was caused at the beginning of the term by the appearance of a strange bird in the garden. It was said to be a cross between a robin and a blackbird; but nothing has been seen of it lately, and the authorities think it must have been a young female blackbird.

A NORTH KENT BIRD LIST.

JANUARY 27TH TO MARCH 24TH.

Robin.	Field fare.
Blue tit.	Barn owl.
Chaffinch.	Wood pigeon.
House sparrow.	Common gull.
Blackbird.	Carrion crow.
Starling.	Tree creeper.
Thrush.	Lark.
Rook.	Green wood-pecker.
Cole tit.	Common wren.
Pheasant.	Bullfinch.
Magpie.	Partridge.
Jackdaw.	Yellow hammer.
Great tit.	Pied wagtail.
Marsh tit.	Siskin.
Jay.	Golden-crested wren.
Hedge sparrow.	Long-tailed tit.
Missel thrush.	Barred wood-pecker.

SCHUMANN RECITAL.

1. PIANO DUET.....*Orientalische Bilder*Miss DRURY and
Fräulein GRIMM.
2. SONG.....*An den Sonnenschein*Miss HENDERSON.
3. 'CELLO SOLO.....*Träumerei*Miss LORIMER.
4. PIANO SOLO.....*Grillen*.....Miss BRADFORD.
5. VOCAL DUET...*Wenn ich ein Vöglein wär*...Fräulein GRIMM
and Miss RICHARDS.
6. TRIO FOR 'CELLO }
PIANO } *Fantasiestück*.....Misses LORIMER,
VIOLIN } CLENDINNEN, EVANS.
7. TWO SHORT SONGS { *Die Lotosblume* (words by Heine)
 { *Die Rose, Die Lilie, &c.* (from
 { Heine's *Dichterliebe*)
 Fräulein GRIMM.
8. PIANO SOLO.....*Der Aufschwung*.....Miss ROBOTHAM.
9. BALLAD WITH DECLAMATION..."*The Fugitives*" (words by
Shelley).....Fräulein GRIMM.
10. PIANO SOLO...*Fürchtemachen*) Miss THORP.
11. PIANO SOLO...*Glücks genug*) Series from
 Eine wichtige Begebenheit) *Kinderscenen.*
 ... Miss CRAYDEN.

TEA.

BIRTHS.

Getting (née White), on December 30th, 1906, at Doughton Cottage, Ross, the wife of James C. Getting, of a son (Gilbert).

Rudmore Brown (née Sherriffs-Gordon), in March, the wife of Mr. Rudmore Brown, of a daughter.